

# Helena JSEC Meeting Minutes

## November 17, 2010

### Members Present:

Carolyn DeYoung	BCBS of Montana
Tina Whitaker	Student
Pat Roth	Glacier Corporation
Cathy Wood	Student Assistance Foundation
Charles Geary	Department of Corrections
Hayley Emly	American Federal Savings Bank
Tom Antonick	Office of Public Instruction
Chris Beebe	Shodair Children's Hospital
Deb Chouinard	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Carol Rule	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Sandy Hamlin	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Dave Laber	Helena Job Service Workforce Center

### Guest:

Howard Skjervem	NorthWestern Energy
Jason Merkel	NorthWestern Energy
Heather Grahame	NorthWestern Energy
Jim and Nancy Nys	Westaff Services/Personnel PLUS!
Erwin Much	Westaff Services

November 2010 meeting was designated to the recognition of the winners of the Helena JSEC's 'Outstanding Employer Award'.

**Welcome:** Carolyn welcomed guests and JSEC members. Everyone introduce themselves.

**Presentations:** Charles read the nominations for Jim and Nancy Nys owners of Westaff Services/Personnel PLUS!, winners of the small employer award. He then presented the plaque to Jim. Erwin Much from Westaff's franchise office was in attendance as well. Jim said the nomination conveyed much of what his company does, not only in Helena, but at their other offices around the State.

Charles then read the nomination for NorthWestern Energy, winner of the large employer award. Accepting the award for NorthWestern Energy were Howard Skjervem, Manager – Community Relations, Jason Merkel – Manager General Operations, and Heather Grahame – Vice President and General Counsel. Jason spoke to us about the company's priority for safety, how valuable their employees are to the company, and the charitable programs that are run by their employees throughout the State.

Tina took photos of the presentations, which will be sent to the newspaper. The winners conveyed their appreciation. Carolyn again thanked everyone for their attendance and congratulated Westaff Services/Personnel PLUS! and NorthWestern Energy.

**Cake and Punch:** The meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed a time of fellowship and food.